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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS CREIGHTON RFD #6 IN KEEPING RURAL RESIDENTS SAFE

Norfolk, Neb., May 12, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a community facility grant of \$6,000 to the Creighton Rural Fire District (RFD) #6 to purchase a replacement truck for the RFD's fire grass rig. New truck would allow for greater response and handling of the area's topography. Creighton RFD #6 will contribute \$11,367 towards purchasing the truck.

"We at the Creighton Rural Fire District #6 wish to express our gratitude to the USDA Rural Development for the grant we received. The new truck for our fire fighting grass rig will replace our 30 year old rig and will offer greater reliability and protection to the nearly 2,700 rural residents we serve," stated Joe Mathine, chairperson of Creighton RFD #6.

"Rural Development is pleased to assist rural communities with obtaining the reliable equipment and vehicles needed to provide quality emergency response and fire protection to both residents and property," stated Jolene Kasper, community programs specialist for USDA Rural Development.

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